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463 this category. Almost four percent of the sample falls into this group.

Construction workers

Construction workers include masons, painters, plasterers, plumbers, tile setters and electricians. Of course, some of the electricians are working in servicing of electrical appliances rather than in construction. The plumber is usually also a tinker and sells electrical gadgets. More than three percent of the sample falls into this category.

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Transportation

The largest single sub-category of transportation workers is the auto driver. The next biggest group is porters. These porters do miscellaneous carrying jobs for persons and firms who find human labour power cheaper than mechanical transport or whose volume of deliveries is not sufficient to hire porters full time. Other sub-groups are longshoremen, motormen, truckmen, and motor vehicle sales and service. Longshoremen (bahari) are a significant subgroup as befits such an important port and transit center as Beirut. The entire group is our fourth largest category constituting almost eight percent of the sample.

Miscellaneous

The miscellaneous occupational group represents over eighteen percent of the total sample, but is relatively insignificant when it is realized that of the eighteen percent, thirty percent were housewives, another thirty percent were retired or ill, and over twenty-six percent were unemployed.

6.2 Length of time at last job. Table 77

464 Respondents were asked how long they had worked at the job before their present one. About forty-two percent had never worked at another job while the modal group of those who had had other jobs was between ten and twenty years. This seems to be high stability of employment.